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To: All Interested Parties
Subject: Announcement of the Anticipated Release of the Request for Proposal for the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is pleased to announce the impending release of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Program. The State Victim Witness Assistance Fund finances this program. It is anticipated the Fiscal Year 2005/06 State Budget will allocate approximately \$256,500 for the program. Four child sexual abuse treatment projects will be awarded on a competitive basis. There is no match requirement. Grants will be awarded in the following categories and amounts:

- Two large size communities (i.e., population of 500,000 or more) for \$76,950 each.
- One medium size community (i.e., population of 125,000 to 499,999) for \$51,300.
- One small size community (i.e., population of 125,000 or less) for \$51,300.

Senate Bill 625 mandates the establishment of the California State Advisory Committee on Sexual Assault Victim Services, which has the authority to set the criteria for state-funded child sexual abuse treatment programs, and to approve OES funding recommendation. OES is the administrative agency for the CSAT Program.

The CSAT Program funds local governmental units and nonprofit organizations to provide comprehensive treatment services to child victims of sexual abuse and/or sexual exploitation. Services are directed toward child victims under the age of 18. Services to appropriate nonoffending family members are provided as support services to help in the child's recovery. Priority shall be given to agencies operated in close proximity to medical treatment facilities.

Interested parties may expect the RFP will be ready for distribution by February 7, 2005. A copy of the RFP may be obtained by either: (1) downloading the application from the OES website at www.oes.ca.gov, and navigating to the links "Grants and Funding" (upper right-hand side of the home page), "Criminal Justice Programs Funding Information," "RFP Funding Information," "Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program Request for Proposal"; or (2) e-mailing a request to claire.wimbley-brown@oes.ca.gov; or (3) submitting a written request to: Claire Wimbley-Brown, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Children's Section, 3650 Schriever Avenue, Mather, CA 95665.

Should you need additional information before the application is made available, please e-mail Claire Wimbley-Brown with your questions; should you have a need to contact Claire directly, please call her at (916) 324-9174.

Sincerely,

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